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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of : Wilmert De Bosscher
Serial No. : 09/720,744
Filed : June 11, 2001
For : Vacuum Tight Coupling For Tube Sections
Examiner : Dunwoody, Aaron M.
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

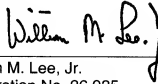
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136, the applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month to respond to the Office Action mailed February 28, 2006.

Response will therefore be timely if filed with the Patent and Trademark Office no later than June 28, 2006.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.17, the required further fee of \$120 should be deducted from Deposit Account No. 12-0913.

June 19, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William M. Lee, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

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